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PRICE OF CRUDE.

The Field Conditions Were Favorable to Higher Prices.

BUT THE DROP IN QUOTATIONS

Came Just The Same, and It is Alleged That Certain Influences Dictated the Move to Discourage "Outside" Investments in Oil Properties. Pleasants County Defined, but Inside Operations Continue.

Independent oil producers endorse the view taken by the Intelligencer's oil writer, "The Scout," that the field conditions did not warrant the recent reductions dictated in the price of crude by certain controlling influences, and the opinion is general that the situation on the other hand ought to have induced advances. In this connection the current issue of the Petroleum Gazette has the following, in which "The Scout's" views are endorsed:

It may be stated without fear of contradiction, that there never was a time in the history of the petroleum industry when the general outlook as based upon the volume of business and general condition of supply and demand, was more favorable to both producer and marketer. Petroleum as a world's commercial commodity is commanding more attention than ever before. So long as its source of supply was confined to a small area, which could be controlled by a single trade factor, its place in trade was necessarily a restricted one, there was no necessity for educating a demand beyond a certain volume of supply. But as other marks began to appear upon the world's oil map, the competition has developed wider demands, new uses, new commercial channels, so that at the present time, with many new fields coming to the front in various parts of this country, and others, the consuming trade is ready to take all the production, and the undeveloped field for oil consumption is as inconceivable in its magnitude as that of production. Russia, Borneo, Japan, Sumatra, California, and the old fields may produce much in the future, but they will be kept hustling to hold their place ahead of the world's demand. In the oil fields, although prices have been momentarily depressed, there is a very hopeful outlook for the producer. He has been enjoying a period of good prices, for though forced to turn his business over to a monopoly that has exacted a fabulous profit, and has not been paying him at all in proportion to the prices paid by consumers, he has nevertheless been receiving good returns upon investment. This is in reference, of course, neither to the wild catter, who has struck it rich, nor the one who has "gone broke," but the regularly established producer in average territory.

There is also developing in the American trade an undercurrent of independent strength which we believe is to exert considerable influence in the future. The wonderful profits of the Standard Oil monopoly are attracting the attention of investors over all the financial world. English and continental capital is feeling its way into the oil business, and is getting strong footholds. Independent oil commerce upon the seas is no longer dominated by one concern. The future of the industry as a profitable one for producers is assured as the source of supply becomes distributed by opening new fields, and the competition may be depended upon to find new markets to furnish the demand.

The recent decline in the market was not warranted either by crude conditions or reduction in the price of refined. Taking the export, refined quotations as they are at present, and comparing them with prices when crude was at 25 cents, the price of \$1.68 is not high enough, and there is no reason except a desire for higher profits in cutting it down as has been done. We believe that the reduction has been made, for several other reasons, among which may be mentioned, a desire to discourage outside investments in oil properties, the demoralization of refined markets as the season for booking advances orders approaches, and to induce the producers to let go of some of their credit balances, which has always proved the most effective method. Under the arbitrary circumstances it would not be surprising if the price were to go still lower. And there is at least this satisfaction in low prices to producers; they make the refining and marketing end of the business that much more attractive to new capital and competition, and cause operators to look more closely into economical management. Why don't oil men establish a tube plant and stop this drain of excessive, extortionate prices for pipe?

As has been stated there is nothing bearish about the crude conditions or the old producing fields at present. In Pennsylvania a well up at Gaines on the north, and several good producers in Greene county, at the south, have tickled the talent somewhat, though neither holds out a promise of any new pool developments.

In West Virginia, the Garner pool, east of Proctor, is coming to the front. Carter & Trees have recently completed an excellent well on the Hugins farm, and the South Penn another on the Garner farm. The Wolf Summit field, of Harrison county, also has proven very productive in the northwest extension, although now defined in that direction by a dry hole in advance of developments. The Kanawha Oil Company's No. 49, on the Big Milla tract, in Wetzel county, developed about ten days ago, is the greatest producer of the southwest at present. It started off at 700 barrels for the first day, and is a Gordon sand stayer.

The Carter Oil Company completed a 200-barrel well a few days ago, on the Mart Anderson farm, near Lot, Wetzel county. This well was started last September, and the delay of its completion was due to one misfortune after another. Notwithstanding it cost thousands of dollars, it bids fair to compensate the company many fold. It was drilled to a depth of 3,236 feet, and is the deepest well in the Wetzel county oil fields.

Pleasants county has been pretty

ECZEMA = SATANIC ITCH.

This most aggravating and tormenting of all skin diseases is caused by an acid condition of the blood, and unless relieved through certain instrumentalities too much of this acid poison reaches the skin and it becomes red and inflamed. The itching and burning are almost unbearable, especially when overheated from any cause. The skin seems on fire, sleep or rest is impossible, the desperate sufferer, regardless of consequences, scratches until strength is exhausted. This burning, itching humor appears sometimes in little pustules, discharging a sticky fluid, which forms crusts and scales. Again the skin is dry, hard and fissured, itches intensely, bleeds and scabs over. This is a painful and stubborn form of the disease. While Eczema, Tetter, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum and many like troubles are spoken of as diseases of the skin, they are really blood diseases, because

THERE CAN BE NO EXTERNAL IRRITATION WITHOUT AN INTERNAL CAUSE.

If the blood is in a pure, healthy condition, no poisonous elements can reach the skin. External applications of washes, lotions and salves sometimes mitigate the itching and soothe the inflammation, but cannot reach the disease. Only S. S. S., the real blood medicine, can do this.

S. S. S., the only purely vegetable remedy known, is a safe and permanent cure for Eczema and all deep-seated blood and skin troubles. It goes direct to the seat of the disease, neutralizes the acids and cleanses the blood, re-inforces and invigorates all the organs, and thus clears the system of all impurities through the natural channels; the skin relieved, all inflammation subsides, and all signs of the disease disappear.

Mrs. Leta M. Hoffman, of Cardington, Ohio, says she was afflicted with Scrofulous sores and Eczema from birth, and her face at times became so badly swollen that she was not recognizable, and her limbs from birth, and hands were very sore. She was treated by all the doctors in town without being benefited, and in her researches for relief, was told by an old physician to take S. S. S. She followed his advice and was promptly cured, and has never had a return of the disease. This was seventeen years ago. "He sincerely believes she would have been in her grave years ago but for S. S. S., and adds, 'what it has done for me it will do for others'."

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thoroughly tested, so that no new pools are expected, but it will be the hottest kind of a seat of operations during the coming summer, and will give up lots of oil.

In Indiana there will be the usual amount of summer hustling. The hope for anything new is not encouraging, though much wild catting will be done. Jasper county with its shallow, black oil deposits is attracting considerable attention, and so is Loogootee.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

County Chairman Hornish Announces the Voting Places for the Election on Saturday of Next Week.

County Chairman Hornish has announced the voting places selected for the Ohio county Republican primary election, on Saturday, April 28, as follows:

Washington District.
Vigilant engine house.
Hose house, Fulton.
No. 1072 McCulloch street.
Madison District.
Seventh ward hose house.
Hoop's, northeast corner of South Penn and Ohio streets.
Clay District.
Old jail, No. 1207 Eoff street.
Union District.
Police court room.
Beabout Club, No. 1612 Woods street.
Centre District.
Hartmann's hall, corner Twenty-third and Market streets.
Webster District.
No. 2703 Chapline street.
Squire Schuch's office, corner of Thirty-third and Chapline streets.
Ritchie District.
No. 3605 Jacob street.
No. 4033 Jacob street.
School house, east end of Twenty-ninth street.

Triadelphia District.
Leatherwood school house.
Elm Grove, mayor's office.
Triadelphia, Green's Hotel.
Glendale school house.

Liberty District.
Valley Grove school house.
West Liberty, white school house.
Potomac, H. C. McCammon's.

Richland District.
Glenn's Run school house.
Brick school house.

The hours in the city districts will be from 11 to 7 o'clock, and in the country from 1 to 7.

Tuesday the candidates were paying the assessments levied upon them by the county committee to defray the expenses of the primary election. The county tickets will be made up for each district this week.

ANDERSON FOR ASSESSOR.

Strong Points in This Candidate for Assessor, Country District.

Robert Anderson, the present efficient county assessor for the country district, is a candidate for re-nomination and re-election, and if ever there has been a time when it was opportune and to the interest of the people to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and retain a man in the office he fills so well, that time is the present, the place the Republican primary election on Saturday, April 28, and the man Robert Anderson. If re-nominated he will surely be re-elected. He was the only successful Republican candidate in 1892, and if elected the people will know that the office will be filled with ability and discretion. Inexperienced men might make good assessors; Mr. Anderson is a good assessor, whose record in office is his highest recommendation.—Adv.

20 lbs. AT SEVENTY.

Left Off Coffee and Made a Remarkable Gain in Health.

N. H. Baldwin, of Laconia, N. H., is seventy years old and has gained twenty pounds since 1898. A letter says: "I drank imported coffee because I needed something warm with my meals. While I was using coffee I was thin in flesh and nervous, with stomach trouble as well as bowel and kidney trouble. I left off coffee in 1898, taking Postum Food Coffee in its place.

"I was fortunate in the first trial of Postum, when it was well made by the wife of a groceryman, who had used it long enough to know just how to make it. It tasted so good to me that I have had it at home ever since, and have gained twenty pounds. I am much stronger than I was a year ago.

"It speaks pretty well for the food value of the Postum Food Coffee, for a person seventy years old, to gain weight at that age. Not only that, but the old trouble with the stomach, kidneys and bowels has disappeared."

Health does not always set in immediately after a person makes a change in diet, nor does sickness always set in immediately after bad habits are taken up, but the daily life maintained by good food and good drink, free from poisonous elements like coffee, will gradually build in new and perfect cells in the human body, so that month by month a sturdy and steady condition of health is set up that will carry a person through many irregularities of sleep and diet, and through a vast amount of hard work, whereas a person who is just barely well, subject to continual trouble from some sort of ailment caused by coffee and its effects on the nerves, would be completely prostrated and be unable to carry out the work of life. Moderation and a wise selection of food and drink brings health, which is true happiness.

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GERMAN BRANCHES OUT.

The Well Known Local Fire Insurance Company to Enter Chicago and the Illinois Field—Messrs. Riester and Rice in Chicago.

It is learned that the directors of the German Fire Insurance Company, of Wheeling, have decided to extend their field of operations to important new territory—Chicago and the state of Illinois. Secretary Fidelius Riester and Special Agent Stephen W. Rice, of the German, are now in Chicago, making the necessary arrangements with the state insurance authorities, and securing representatives. It is learned that the German will take only modest and scattered risks in Chicago.

Heretofore the German's field of operations has been restricted to the states of West Virginia and Ohio. That it will do well in Illinois is well assured, as this company stands very high in the world of insurance.

CONTRACT AWARDED

To Gensch & Burkhardt for the Hose House Foundation.

At a meeting of the council committee on fire department, bids were received for the reconstruction of the Fort Henry hose house foundation, as follows:

Per Yd.
J. H. Rosenberg.....\$4.00
J. H. Stobbs.....4.00
Gensch & Burkhardt.....3.95
P. J. Gilligan.....4.50

The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Gensch & Burkhardt, at their bid of \$3.95 per cubic yard.

It is thought there is about 125 to 150 cubic yards of stone work on the job.

A School Entertainment.

This evening at 8 o'clock, there will be a contest in declamation at the North Benwood school house, participated in by seven boys and girls, proceeds for the benefit of the school library. The following is the programme:

Declamation....."The Tramp"
Declamation....."Little's Message"
Solo....."Miss Annie Polley"
Declamation....."The Whistling Reel"
Solo....."Swore Off"
Duet....."Swore Off"
Mr. John Linberger and Miss Alice Fox
Declamation....."Is It Worth the Sacrifice?"
Declamation....."One Niche the Highest"
Solo....."Miss Emma Price"
Declamation....."Toussaint L'Ouverture"
Solo....."The Lullaby"
Declamation....."The Lullaby"

The names of those who are to take part in the contest are Albert Nole, Myron Thomas, Bevis Crighton, May Smith, Frank Ebeling, Willie Steber, Edna Thomas. The judges are from Wheeling and Moundsville. There will be first and second prizes.

FAMILY WASHING.
Rough Dry Washed, Starched and Dried 5 cents per pound.
Flat Work, Washed and Ironed, 5 cents per pound.
All hand work finished 10 cents per pound. At LUTZ BROS'.
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AMUSEMENTS.

In Al Field's Minstrels, at the Opera House, Saturday, matinee and night, Hyde & Fairman head the dancing contingent with Welby, Pearl, Kays and Master Carroll and the Nondescript Trio, three athletic young men who are the tallest kickers known. The spectacular first part entitled "A Night in the Park" is a thing of beauty. The entire stage is set with special scenery representing the garden of the Tuilleries Paris, France. All the arbors, nooks and avenues are faithfully portrayed. Paris is seen in the distance. The picture is illuminated by 500 electric lights. It is claimed the first part setting of the Al G. Field Greater Minstrels is the handsomest set of stage scenery ever used by a like organization. There is a fine orchestra, a big band and the usual parade with musical concert. Al G. Field has always kept faith with his patrons. He seems to have outdone all previous efforts with his company for this season.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin." A treat in store for lovers of that ever-lasting success "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which comes to the Grand last half of this week, with a special Friday matinee. It will be presented by Al W. Martin's big company of sixty white and colored people, and with thousands of dollars worth of beautiful scenery and effects. Over fifty people are utilized in the production, and the cast is in the hands of competent actors. Every stick of scenery used from the rise to the fall of the curtain is carried by the company, and several of the settings are worthy of more than passing comment. Notable among them is the St. Clair home, showing a tropical garden, with its fragrant Magnolia and Orange trees, among which nestles the typical southern plantation residence, the home of little Eva.

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DIED.

FELLER—On Tuesday, April 17, 1900, at 429 p. m., at his residence, Grape Island, W. Va., GEORGE FELLER, in his 76th year.

Funeral services at the residence of Henry Schmalbach, No. 231 Chapline street, this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Zion cemetery.

JACKSON—At the residence of his parents, No. 78 South Penn street, on Tuesday evening, April 17, 1900, at 6:22 o'clock, THOMAS E. JACKSON, aged 8 months.

Funeral Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Services and interment private. Interment at Peninsula cemetery.

HARRUCK—On Wednesday, April 18, 1900, at 8:30 p. m., CHARLES HARRUCK, aged 51 years and 11 months. Funeral notice hereafter.

WILSON—On Wednesday, April 18, 1900, at 8:50 o'clock p. m., at her home, No. 29 South Front street, CHARLOTTE, widow of the late Thomas C. Wilson, in her 78th year.

Funeral notice hereafter.

UNDERTAKING.

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